

**INDIANA ARTS COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

IAC Conference Room
100 N. Senate Avenue, Room N505
September 9, 2009, 9:00 a.m.

Jeanne Mirro, Chair

Minutes

Members present via teleconference: Jeanne Mirro, Karen Ellerbrook, Irene Smith-King, Earl Williams, Dick Stifel

Members absent: None

IAC Staff present: Lewis Ricci, Michelle Anderson, Dennis Hardin

1. **Approval of Agenda and June 30, 2009 Minutes.** Ms. Mirro called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Mr. Stifel moved to adopt the consent agenda. Ms. Ellerbrook seconded. Motion passed.

2. **Financial.** Mr. Ricci presented a handout reflecting the IAC end-of-year financial statement for FY2009 (attached). IAC ended the year under budget, with a \$39,000 uncommitted carry-over for FY2010. Mr. Ricci also presented the FY2010 Allocation Plan (attached) which was submitted and approved by the state Budget Office. Mr. Ricci and Ms. Anderson answered questions from the committee concerning the FY2010 budget.

3. **Partner Review Status.**

a. Bloomington Area Arts Council. Mr. Ricci reviewed that the Regional Arts Partnership with the BAAC has been suspended with the approval of the commission. BAAC has been offered a grant of \$7,500 for technical assistance in the form of an independent consultant to help them address issues of management and board structure. The BAAC faces a September 15 deadline to submit a plan for use of the grant funds.

b. Arts Council of Southern Indiana. Mr. Ricci reviewed that the Regional Arts Partnership with the ACSI has also been suspended with the approval of the commission. ACSI has been offered a technical assistance grant, and appear to be eager to be reinstated as a RAP. An additional review will be conducted early in 2010 to determine if ACSI should be reinstated for FY2011.

c. Arts United and Arts Council of Southwestern Indiana. Mr. Ricci reported that both of these Regional Arts Partners, because of their low panel scores in the latest application cycle, will be independently reviewed in the coming weeks. Independent reviewers have been engaged for the three aspects of review for the Arts Council of Southwestern Indiana, and for two of the three aspects of review for Arts United, with the financial reviewer yet to be determined. A recommendation will be presented to the full commission at the December quarterly meeting.

4. Nominations Update. Mr. Ricci reviewed that three new commissioners have been recently appointed to IAC: Carol A. Trexler of Indianapolis, Linda S. Levell of Vincennes, and Jonathan Ford of Terre Haute. Remaining vacancies are for the positions held by Ron Stratten and Sandra Clark, both of whom have completed two full terms as commissioner.

5. Planning Update. Mr. Stifel reviewed the latest meeting of the Committee on the Future where the new Strategic Planning process was discussed. It was decided to form a Steering Committee for the process, which will report to the COF. A diverse mix of representation is being sought for the steering committee – artists, administrators, municipal leaders, lawmakers, etc. Mr. Stifel would like to have a current or former commissioner to chair the steering committee. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting of the full commission on September 26, and the executive committee is asked to consider individuals who would make a solid contribution to the steering committee.

6. Appeals Recommendations. Mr. Williams reviewed that two organizations – the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra and the Indianapolis Opera – filed written appeals for reconsideration of their applications for Majors grants. These two organizations scored below the cut-off point in the Majors panel review and were not included for funding in FY2010. Their appeals were addressed in the last meeting of the Program Evaluation Committee on September 3, and the PEC voted to recommend that the appeals be disallowed by the full commission. Mr. Williams moved that the Executive Committee accept the recommendation of the Program Evaluation Committee to disallow the appeals of the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra and the Indianapolis Opera, and that the recommendation be passed to the full commission. Mr. Stifel seconded. Motion passed.

7. Change in Individual Artist Program Guidelines/Application. Mr. Ricci reviewed the action of the Program Evaluation Committee in its last meeting, approving a set of changes to the Individual Artist Program and the Arts in Education Program (summaries attached). Mr. Williams moved that the Executive Committee accept the recommendation of the Program Evaluation Committee and forward the changes to the full commission for approval. Ms. Ellerbrook seconded. Motion passed.

8. Old Business. Ms. Mirro asked Mr. Williams for an update on planning for the Governor's Arts Awards, to be held in Muncie on September 25. Mr. Williams reported that everything is in excellent shape with no major hurdles to be overcome. Ms. Mirro thanked Mr. Williams, as well as IAC staff members Rex Van Zant, Laura Frank, and Lydia Zacharias.

9. New Business. There was no new business.

10. Adjourn. Ms. Ellerbrook moved to adjourn. Mr. Stifel seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.